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SUBJECT: TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. MEXICO 7549 B. MEXICO 7849

1. DANIEL BASULTO, DIRECTOR TEXTILE DIVISION, SIC, NOTIFIED EMBASSY TODAY THAT HE WILL NOT BE ATTENDING NOVEMBER MEETING GATT IN GENEVA BUT WILL BE REPRESENTED, AS IN OCTOBER SESSION, BY HIS DEPUTY, MELQUISEDEC JIMENEZ. MEXICAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF SECRETARIAT INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, PEDRO ALVARADO. OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE ABEL GARRIDO, ALVARADO'S COUNTERPART IN TREASURY, AND MEXICO'S PERMANENT REP AT GENEVA, EDUARDO ALCARAS. BASULTO SAID HE DEFINITELY PLANNED TO ATTEND DECEMBER SESSION GENEVA.

2. BASULTO REMARKED THAT GOM WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE SUPPORT USG POSITION AT GENEVA MEETINGS WHILE AT SAME TIME DEFENDING ITS OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS, BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND "NEGOTIATIONS". OTHERWISE, HE FEARED CLASH MIGHT BE

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INEVITABLE AND HOPED THAT THIS COULD BE AVOIDED IN ORDER MAINTAIN

TRADITIONALLY HARMONIOUS OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. GOM NOW INDICATING INTEREST IN HOLDING BILATERAL TALKS ON TEXTILES IN MEXICO CITY PRIOR TO DECEMBER SESSION GENEVA. PRIMARY PURPOSE THESE TALKS FROM MEXICAN STANDPOINT WOULD BE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON ALL-FIBER ARRANGEMENT. BASULTO INDICATED THAT HIS SUPERIORS, PARTICULARLY UNDER SECRETARY OF INDUSRTY JOSE CAMPILLO SAINZ, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH US DELEGATION AND REACH COMPROMISE. BASULTO WENT SO FAR ON THIS OCCASION TO SUGGEST FOR FIRST TIME THAT GOM MIGHT BE WILLING TO GO ALONG AND SIGN BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON MAN-MADE FIBERS IF US OFFER WERE "SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE". CAMPILLO SAINZ PRESENTLY IN JAPAN ON OFFICIAL TRIP AND SCHEDULED RETURN MEXICO NOVEMBER 14. BILATERAL TALKS WOULD HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED SOMETIME BETWEEN THAT DATE AND START OF DECEMBER SESSION GENEVA.

4. COMMENT: GOM POSITION AS OUTLINED BY BASULTO HAS EVOLVED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE INITIAL CONVERSATION THIS SUBJECT OCTOBER 5. (REF A). APPARENTLY BASULTO'S HARD-LINE STAND OPPOSING BILATERAL AGREEMENT MAN-MADE FIBERS AND TO ANY BARRIERS ON EXPORTS OF LDC'S HAS BEEN MODIFIED BY HIS SUPERIORS IN GOM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST US DELEGATION DISCUSS SITUATION WITH MEXICAN DELEGATION AT GENEVA. GARRIDO, WHO IS FULLY FAMILIAR OVERALL GOM TRADE POLICIES, HAS BEEN IN GENEVA SINCE TNC MEETING.

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